SALISBURY STATE COLLEGE WRESTLING

1985/86

SSC TODAY

Nestled in one of the nations's most magical and historical areas, the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Salisbury State College effectively combines the relaxed yet personable nature of a small college education with the rigorous academic demands of a major university.

The recreational pursuits of the Eastern Shore are legendary, from the boardwalk of Ocean City to the wilderness of Chincoteague Island to the tranquility of Blackwater Refuge near Cambridge, Md. Only 30 miles to the east is Ocean City's famous white beach and the 30 miles of Assateague Island's National and State Park.

Salisbury, Wicomico's county seat and the Shore's major city today, was laid out by a charter granted in 1732, the year George Washington was born. Progressive growth has been characteristic of Salisbury. It has grown over the years from a little crossroads town with a small lumbermill and a few stores into a flourishing business center and a chief distributing point.

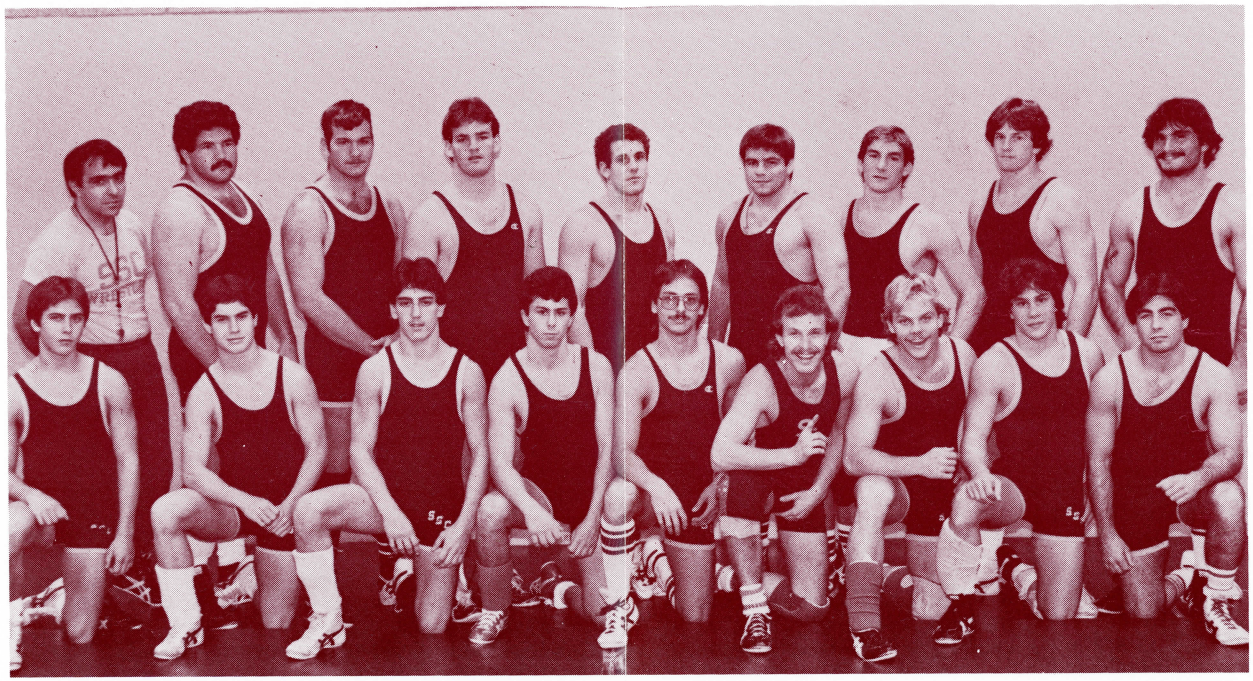
The College offers undergraduate programs leading to the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees, and graduate programs leading to the Master of Arts in English, History and Psychology, the Master of Education, the Master of Business Administration, and the Master of Science in Nursing.

Salisbury State's undergraduate program became more defined in 1984 with the alignment of the College's major programs into five distinct schools of learning: the School of Nursing and Health Sciences; the School of Business; the School of Liberal Arts; the School of Professional Studies; and the School of Science.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	Salisbury, MD 21801
Switchboard	(301) 543-6000
Athletic Department	(301) 543-6340
President	Dr. Thomas E. Bellavance
Enrollment	4,500
Nickname	Sea Gulls
Colors	Maroon, Gold
Arena or Stadium	Sea Gull Stadium Complex
Playing Surface	Grass
Affiliation	NCAA Division III (ECAC)
Athletic Director	Dr. Louis Marciani (543-6340)
Associate	Deane Deshon (543-6345)
Associate	Dean Burroughs (543-6344)
Equipment Manager	Vic Keen (543-6349)
Facilities Coordinator	Tom Stitcher (543-6349)
Head Trainer	Pat Lamboni (543-6355)
Sports Info. Director	Tim Cline (543-6033)
Wrestling Coach	Ron Otto (543-6148)

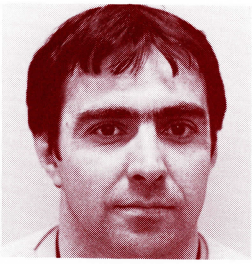
1985/86 SALISBURY STATE SEA GULL WRESTLING ROSTER



Front row (l to r)—Teige McShane, Jeff Weiner, Dave Gordon, Brendon Hickey, Jeff Stevenson, Bill Royer, Steve Opalenski, Mark Higgs, Mickey Fenante. Back row (l to r)—Coach Ron Otto, Jim O'Halloran, Steve Schwartz, Sean Fitzpatrick, Dan Masucci, Joe Mamana, Charlie Alfieri, Jim Nestor, Joe Higgs. Not pictured - Bob Kays, Bob Rolfe, Leric Wood.

Name	Class	Wt. Cl.	High School	Hometown
Teige McShane	SO	118/126	J.M. Bennett	Salisbury, MD
Jeff Weiner	FR	118/126	North Hagerstown	Hagerstown, MD
Thom Mogle	FR	118/126	Kent County	Millington, MD
Bill Royer	SO	126	Old Mill	Glen Burnie, MD
Jeff Stevenson	SO	126	Sussex Central	Georgetown, DE
Dave Gordon	SO	126/134	North East	Elkton, MD
Brendon Hickey	SO	126/134	De Matha	Laurel, MD
Jerry Mears	SO	134	Laurel	Laurel, DE
Mickey Ferrante	SO	142	Mt. Olive	Flanders, NJ
Charles Alfieri	SO	142/150	Arundel Senior	Dunedin, FL
Mark Higgs	FR	142	Thomas Stone	Hughesville, MD
Steve Opalenski	SO	142/150	Old Mill	Glen Burnie, MD
Dan Masucci	JR	150	J.M. Bennett	Salisbury, MD
Jim Nestor	FR	150	Meade Senior	Laurel, MD
Bob Doty	SO	150/158	Newton	Newton, N.J.
Brian McGinty	JR	150/158	Wicomico	Salisbury, MD
Bob Kays	SO	158	Old Mill	Severn, MD
Joe Higgs	FR	167	Thomas Stone	Hughesville, MD
Joe Mamana	FR	167	Springbrook	Silver Springs, MD
Sean Fitzpatrick	FR	177/190	Magruder	Derwood, MD
Bob Rolfe	SO	190	Chas. H. Roth	Rochester, NY
Leric Wood	FR	190/HWT	Wilde Lake	Columbia, MD
Steve Schwartz	SO	HWT	J.M. Bennett	Salisbury, MD
Jim O'Halloran	SR	HWT	Mt. Olive	Budd Lake, NF

COACH



RON OTTO (MacMurray College '69) became the Sea Gulls' fourth wrestling coach in April of 1984. Otto came to Salisbury State from Illinois Wesleyan University where he had been head coach since 1982.

A standout wrestler at MacMurray College, Otto complied an 88-12-2 record and was named the school's most valuable wrestler three times. His career was highlighted when he placed second in the NCAA College Division national championships.

The 36-year old Park Ridge, IL native began his coaching career in 1970 as an assistant coach at Maine Township North High School in Park Ridge and then moved on to Willowbrook High School as the head coach from 1974-1978.

Otto moved to Lafayette High School in 1979 and remained the head coach there until 1982, when he entered the collegiate ranks at Illnois Wesleyan.

Aside from his coaching duties, Otto is an assistant professor in the College's Computer Science Department.

1985/86 SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER		
15-16	Ithaca College Tournament	TBA
23	Coppin State/Tri	1:00
DECEMBER		
3	George Washington/Howard	5:00
6-7	Coast Guard Tournament	TBA
10	UMES/GALLAUDET	7:00
12	DELAWARE STATE	7:00
15	ALUMNI	1:00
JANUARY		
7	WESTCHESTER/GLASSBORO STATE	7:00
11	Del State Tournament	TBA
15	SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT	7:00
17	SEA GULL CLASSIC	11:00
25	York	1:00
28	William and Mary/Virginia State	4:00
FEBRUARY		
1	George Mason	1:00
4	Trenton State	7:00
8	Johns Hopkins	12:00
10	LINCOLN	7:00
15-16	NCAA East Reg. at Trenton State	TBA

Home games in capitals

OUTLOOK

After a successful recruiting season, Head Coach Ron Otto expects this year's wrestling team to have more depth and talent than the 1984-85 squad. With only three upperclassmen and five lettermen returning, starting slots are wide open for the 20 freshmen and transfers new to the team. In spite of this inexperience, the squad should begin to make its mark in the Eastern small college wrestling circles.

Leading the returning veterans is senior Jim O'Halloran, returning NCAA Division III third place winner at heavyweight. O'Halloran has only the second semester of the season left in his eligibility and therefore needs to work hard in January to improve on last year's outstanding 25-7 performance.

Other experienced returnees are sophomores Teige McShane at 118/126 lbs., Dave Gordon at 126, Bob Kays at 158 and Bob Rolfe at 190. Two others with three years of eligibility remaining are juniors Dan Masucci at 150 and Brian McGinty at 158.

Sophomores Jeff Stevenson at 126, a former Delaware state champ, Brendon Hickey at 126, Mickey Ferrante at 134/142 and Steve Schwartz at 190 or heavyweight return to competition after sitting out last year.

Several former high school state place winners are welcome additions to the squad. Bill Royer at 126, Jerry Mears at 134 and Charlie Alfieri are transfers. They are joined by freshmen Sean Fitzpatrick at 177/190 and Leric Wood , also a SSC football player at heavyweight. Joe Higgs at 167 has previous experience wrestling in Europe while in the Army.

Other freshmen who show promise are Jeff Weiner at 118/126, Mark Higgs at 142, Jim Nestor at 150 and Joe Manana at 167. They are joined by soccer player Thom Mogle at 118/126 after soccer season ends.

Otto is assisted by two former SSC wrestlers, both three-time all-Americans–Mike McInerney from Bayport, NY, who is completing a degree in Respiratory Therapy at Salisbury, and Eddie Bailey from Salisbury, who is working for a local construction company. The team is served from the training staff by senior Brian McGuire.

SSC All-Americans

1977-78 Joe Jarosz (5th) and Mark Jarosz (5th)
1978-79 *Eddie Bailey, *Joe Jarosz, *Mark Jarosz and Jerry McGinty (5th)
1979-80 *John Dolch, *Mark Jarosz, Eddie Bailey (2nd) and Joe Jarosz (4th)
1980-81 *John Dolch, Pete Ott (7th), Mike McInterney (3rd), Jerry McGinty (2nd) and Mike Burke (7th)
1981-82 Mike McInterney (4th)
1983-84 Mike McInterney (3rd) and John Parry (7th)
1984-85 Jim O'Halloran (3rd)
*NATIONAL CHAMPION